

Town of Somers
Advisory Committee for Seniors
February 8, 2022
Senior Center

Present: Jillian Connors, Steve Getman, Bev Guimond, Phyllis Gwilliam, Allison Maynard, Carol Sarrantonio, Joan Sizer, Tina Toohey

Absent: Pat Bachetti, Ailene Henry

I. Call to order: 1:32 pm by Allison Maynard

II. Approval of Minutes: Tina mentioned an omission from the Jan 11 2022 minutes the correction is: Tina suggested a committee be formed to discuss the use of funds donated to the Senior Center. Motion by Steve and second by Tina to approve with correction.

III. Audience: Pam Caso, Aiden Connors, Christina Hurdle, Flo Hurley, Maureen Parsell,

IV. Correspondence: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: It was a farewell and good wishes to Jillian who is leaving her position after two years with the Senior Center. She extends her gratitude to all for their patience and understanding during this trying time with Covid.

Social Service Updates: We are at the tail end of Energy Assistance Season we helped about two hundred households.

There has been an uptick in MOW, nineteen active clients, however, there is still a need for a few more volunteers. Magnets have been made for every MOW client for their refrigerator so they have Christina's phone number available to let her know of any changes to their meals or delivery. Also, there were masks and covid test kits distributed to each client.

Caring For and Educating Our Elders which we funded with Hartford Foundation Funds is slow in getting off the ground. Riley Mulligan from the network will do a presentation this month at the Senior Center.

Mobile Food Pantry will continue on the fourth Thursday of the month at Kibbe Fuller. There was a decrease in participants in January due to word not getting out in time. There will be a

focus on flyers being distributed throughout the community.

Allison attended a conference in Washington, DC on Substance Abuse and Mental Health in our youths. Energy remains in developing programs for youth services.

April 1st begins the application process for Renters Rebate.

Maureen is hoping to get an approval on a renovation for Flo and Pam to have a enclosed office with windows in the Senior Center. This renovation will be funded by the American Rescue Act.

Senior Center Updates: The Newsletter is being enhanced by Pam, she will continue making improvements.

Senior Citizen Club continues to provide monthly grab & go lunches, they are anxious to get back in the building.

Jillian will be replaced in the near future with a full-time employee.

Copies of the newsletter will be distributed in the foyers of the buildings at Woodcrest.

VII. Committee Updates: None

VIII. Adjournment: Motioned by Steve second by Carol @ 2:32pm

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Sarrantonio, Secretary

Next meeting: March 8, 2022